



MS Non-Fee Amendment
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Subraman Rao CHERUKURI

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Examiner: B. Fubara

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Confirmation No. 6757

For: **DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEMS**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2003. The three-month shortened statutory period expired on January 16, 2004; accordingly, a petition for a three-month extension of time and check therefor are being filed herewith, extending the deadline to April 16, 2004. Thus, this response should be considered timely filed.

The following amendment should be entered under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 because remarks and attached Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132 place this application in condition for allowance. As such, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.